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## RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed October 27, 2006, attached is a revised Preliminary Amendment which provides the proper status identifier for each claim.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge Counsel's Deposit Account No. 150665 for any necessary fees, and is authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required and to credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account 150665.

Respectfully submitted,

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